

I am a Amateur Radio Operator, call sign KY6J. I am deeply concerned that BPL is being pushed forward with little regard for the consequences to the Ham Radio community and other users of the HF radio spectrum. The potential harmful interference is not going to be limited to the local area. The RF energy being radiated will also travel via sky wave as far away as areas outside the US. Also, Amateur Radio transmissions may well cause "legal" interference to BPL.

With the tremendous public service that the Amateur Radio community has provided during times of emergencies/disasters, I don't believe BPL should be permitted to jeopardize this valuable public service. Also, Amateur Radio is part of the Homeland Security effort.

Since the technology is already in place to provide broadband internet service without BPL, please provide the safeguards and support structure to guarantee that harmful interference will not be generated by the BPL. From some of the statements I have read in the press, BPL advocates are flatly denying their harmful interference. Any new rules need definitive and clearly measurable definitions of "harmful interference" so as to protect other users of the HF radio spectrum. If harmful interference should affect a single Amateur Radio Operator or any small group, it will become the "little guy against the big corporation"! As you are already aware, there are many instances of interference from the power companies, that requires much time and effort by a single Amateur Radio Operator to get resolved!

Sincerely,

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